

HOUSE BILL 1831

By Carr J

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7;
Title 39 and Title 65, relative to
telecommunications providers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

65-4-127.

(a) Prior to entering or renewing a contract with a customer on or after July 1, 2014, a telecommunications provider shall provide the customer with a disclosure statement, which is separate from any other disclosure documentation, that clearly states that the customer's transmissions on the provider's system or network may be monitored by the federal government without the customer's prior knowledge or consent.

(b) The Tennessee regulatory authority shall, at a minimum, promulgate rules and issue such orders as are necessary to implement this section.

(c) A provider who violates this section, or any rule or order issued pursuant to this section, is subject to a civil penalty of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each day of such violation. Such civil penalty is due and payable to the authority.

(d) For purposes of this section, "telecommunications provider" means any individual or entity that provides any two-way communications service, telephone service, telegraph service, paging service, Internet service, or communications service similar to such services.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.